

FREE BRIDGE QUESTION.

THE MANCHESTER COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IT AGAIN TOMORROW.

A Negro Tries to Rob a Messenger Boy. Miss Haddock Wears Mr. Buckner. Rev. Mr. Spencer Criticized.

MANCHESTER, RICHMOND, THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1897. To-morrow night there will be an adjourned meeting of the City Council. This promise to be an interesting one, and at the same time a very important gathering of the city fathers.

The most important matter that will be presented to the body will be the lowering of the Free Bridge as the result of the Chesapeake and Ohio improvements. This question has agitated the minds of the people of both cities for some time, and the meeting to-morrow night, the question will be reopened. Mr. John O'Brien, the President of the City Council, received the following message from the Chesapeake and Ohio:

"Dear Sir:—Mr. A. K. Kell, vice-president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, has been instructed to present to the City Council of the Chesapeake and Ohio Company, this company wanted permission to build a viaduct under James river and across the bridge to do this the bridge would have to be lowered where the viaduct would cross. The railroad company asked for seven new spans, with a granite pier and to close the viaduct with bridge 120 feet on both sides.

J. R. Green then offered the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Bridge Commission be instructed to present to the City Council of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, provided said company build a new bridge to the Manchester side with river and to close the viaduct with bridge 120 feet on both sides.

FOR BETTER STREETS. The Street Committee met yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the office of the City Auditor. The committee then went to the private conveyance to the streets leading to the City Hall, and then to the Johnson house.

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TWO PRETTY WEDDINGS.

THE CEREMONIES IN LIGHTED AND DECORATED PARLORS.

Mr. Mann T. H. Roberts and Miss Josephine Walters; Mr. O. F. Crump and Miss Ida L. Garthright.

There was a pretty home wedding at the residence of Mr. George Eubank, No. 292 West Marshall street, last night, at 8:30 o'clock, the contracting couple being Mr. Mann T. H. Roberts and Miss Josephine Walters.

The parlor was prettily decorated with growing plants and parlor lamps. Miss Josephine Walters played the wedding march. East-End Baptist church, performed the ceremony, after which a reception was held at the house, and supper served.

The bride wore a gown of green broadcloth, and carried a bunch of lilies of the valley. Rev. J. T. Tucker, pastor of the East-End Baptist church, performed the ceremony, after which a reception was held at the house, and supper served.

The bride was the daughter of the late J. W. Walters, and is a most attractive young lady.

The groom is connected in business with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

CRUMP-GARTHRIGHT. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning, at the residence of the bride, No. 4312 North Twenty-third street, a pretty wedding took place, when Miss Ida L. Garthright, the attractive daughter of Mr. Joseph Garthright, became the bride of Mr. O. F. Crump, of Chesterfield, Rev. George C. Vandervelde, D. D., performed the ceremony.

The bride was attired in a handsome traveling suit, with hat to match.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Crump took the train for their future home in Chesterfield.

DECLINE THE CALL. Rev. John A. Morehead Has Declined to Remain in Richmond.

Rev. John A. Morehead, who since the 5th of March has had under consideration a call to the College Lutheran church, at Salem, yesterday decided not to accept the same, and notified the Salem congregation of his decision.

Mr. Morehead, who is pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church, located on Seventh street, near Grace, on November 1, 1895. The church at that time had only 12 members. It has prospered under his care, and to-day has 32 members.

In discussing his declining of the call extended him yesterday morning Mr. Morehead said that it was deeply appreciated by him.

"His claims as an opportunity for wide usefulness," he said, "are very strong, not only because of the character of the congregation itself, but especially on account of the college feature of the work. Considering the character of the Salem and Richmond churches from the standpoint of their intimate relation, apart from relations already formed, the former is at present undoubtedly more important, but dare a minister neglect or leave out of consideration obligations already assumed in connection with his present work?"

"This is the problem that has been in my mind for weeks, and I have been able, finally, to reach but one conclusion. Having consulted the Board of Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South and my present congregation, I found them unanimously in their desire for me to remain."

"Believing that I was in the first instance divinely called to the work here, as long as the church at large gives me the confidence and the circumstances indicate that it is best for this congregation that I remain here, strong as is the call to Salem, I do not feel justified in resigning this charge."

Mr. Morehead's congregation here has been bringing strong pressure to bear upon him to remain here ever since the call was extended to him, and they are delighted at the determination which he has reached.

Presently, it would have been very pleasant to Mr. Morehead to have accepted the call to Salem, since he attended the Lutheran college at that place, and graduated there, going thence to the University of Virginia, where he is now a student.

Salem is a strong Lutheran center, the congregation numbering 25 souls.

ESCAPED UNHURT. Mr. James Bayless Tragedy Collided With a Car of the Richmond Traction Company.

When car No. 64 of the Richmond Traction Company was running east late Tuesday afternoon, it collided with the car of Mr. James Bayless at the corner of Nineteenth street, and broke one of the shafts. It also knocked the horse down and dragged it for some distance along the track, thereby causing some injuries. Mr. Bayless was not hurt, but his horse was badly injured.

The motorman stated that he had sounded the alarm bell, and his statement was corroborated by some of the passengers. Mr. Bayless, however, denied this and said that while he was listening attentively, he could not hear the bell. He was highly indignant and said that he would take further action in the matter.

Equities at the First Police Station did not bring out any additional facts, the accident not having been witnessed by any officer. It was only after a report by Whitlock, who had been playing on the street, that the accident was known.

Mr. Meredith followed Mr. Bayless and presented an argument on behalf of the appellee, the city of Richmond.

THE COLLEGE TEAM MADE UP. Manager McNeill Selects the Players—The Thomas Lectures.

Manager McNeill, of the Richmond College ball team, has reduced the number of his players to twelve, of which he is captain. The men who will play on the team and their substitutes are: Ellison, pitcher, with De Camp as substitute; Hirsch or Robinson, catcher; Raa, first base; McNeill, second base; Willis or Winn, third base; Fleming or Leonard, short stop; Ragby and Kaufman.

The law department of the graduating class of '97 has elected J. R. L. Johnson, of Nansemond county, Va., class orator. W. E. Gibson, of Loudoun county, Va., represents the academics.

The tenth course of the Thomas Museum lecture endowment of Richmond College

THEY CANNOT LET GO.

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICERS ANXIOUS TO RESIGN.

Gen. Lee Cannot Understand the Delay in Accepting His Resignation—A Wedding May Have to Be Postponed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Embarrassment to incumbents is as serious over the delay in patronage distribution as it is to office seekers in a number of instances, the most notable cases being in the diplomatic and consular service, where several officials are seriously inconvenienced by the failure to get their resignations accepted.

One of the most pressing of these is that of Lora Anderson, of Ohio, secretary of the Embassy at Rome. He is a Republican and has been in the service since 1890, when he became second secretary at London and minister Lincoln.

In 1894, he was promoted to his present position in Italy and recently he has been charged with the absence of Ambassador Wayne McVeigh.

POSTPONING HIS MARRIAGE. Mr. Anderson called the State Department yesterday morning to be relieved, but a reply had to be sent him, requesting him to continue a short time longer and that every effort be made to expedite his resignation.

This condition is mortifying to Mr. Anderson as all arrangements had been made for his wedding to a multi-millionaire lady of Boston, Miss Perkins, soon after Easter. Nothing seems left to be done but to postpone the wedding.

No secret is made at the State Department that Senator Eugene Hale's son has been selected to succeed Mr. Anderson, but it is thought advisable to nominate the Ambassador to Italy before making the latter appointment.

GENERAL LEE'S CASE. Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee's case is another pressing one. Not only is he a Republican, but he is also a member of the House of Representatives.

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George Wilt appeared upon the scene and cursed him and struck him in the mouth. The man could not speak a word of English, and an interpreter was called in, who explained the situation to the bewildered foreigners.

It was not until the price if he were allowed to go for it. An officer was detailed to escort him to the forenoon "place," and he got away at last.

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